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Applicant hereby petitions the Assistant Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for filing a Reply to the Office Action dated June 20, 2000 for 3 months from September 20, 2000 to December 20, 2000.

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